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12	In the Matter of)	FPPC No.: 99/231	
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14	XOCHILT RUVALCABA, FRIENDS OF XOCHILT RUVALCABA FOR SOUTH)	STIPULATION, DECISION AND ORDER	
15	GATE CITY COUNCIL, AND MARIA RUVALCABA.	{))	
16	Respondents.)		
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18	Complainant, Mark Krausse, Executive Director of the Fair Political Practices Commission, and			
19	Respondents, Xochilt Ruvalcaba, Friends of Xochilt Ruvalcaba for South Gate City Council, and Maria			
20	Ruvalcaba, hereby agree that this Stipulation will be submitted for consideration by the Fair Political			
21	Practices Commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting.			
22	The parties agree to enter into this Stipulation to resolve all factual and legal issues raised in this			
23	matter, and to reach a final disposition without the necessity of holding an administrative hearing to			
24	determine the liability of Respondents.			
25	Respondents understand, and hereby knowingly and voluntarily waive, any and all procedural			
26	rights set forth in sections 83115.5 and 11503 of the Government Code, and in section 18361 of Title 2			
27	of the California Code of Regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, the right to personally appear			
28	at any administrative hearing held in this matter, to be represented by an attorney at Respondents' own			
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expense, to confront and cross-examine all witnesses testifying at the hearing; to subpoena witnesses to testify at the hearing, and to have an impartial administrative law judge preside over the hearing as a hearing officer.

It is further stipulated and agreed that Respondents committed three violations of the Political Reform Act by failing to timely file a second pre-election campaign statement, a late contribution report, and a post-election semi-annual campaign statement, in violation of sections 84200, 84200.5, and 84203 of the Government Code, as described in Exhibit 1, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein. Exhibit 1 is a true and accurate summary of the facts in this matter.

Respondents agree to the issuance of the Decision and Order, which is attached hereto. Respondents also agree to the Commission imposing an administrative penalty in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00). A cashier check from Respondents in said amount, made payable to the "General Fund of the State of California," is submitted with this Stipulation as full payment of the administrative penalty, and shall be held by the State of California until the Commission issues its Decision and Order regarding this matter. The parties agree that in the event the Commission refuses to accept this Stipulation, it shall become null and void, and within fifteen (15) business days after the Commission meeting at which the Stipulation is rejected, all payments tendered by Respondents in connection with this Stipulation shall be reimbursed to Respondents. Respondents further stipulate and agree that in the event the Commission rejects the Stipulation and a full evidentiary hearing before the Commission becomes necessary, neither any member of the Commission, nor the Executive Director, shall be disqualified because of prior consideration of this Stipulation.

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Mark Krausse, Executive Director Fair Political Practices Commission

Xochilt Ruvalcaba, Respondent

Maria Ruvalcaba, individually and on behalf of Friends of Xochilt Ruvalcaba for the South Gate City Council,

Respondents

DECISION AND ORDER The foregoing stipulation of the parties "In the Matter of Xochilt Ruvalcaba et al, FPPC No. 99/231," including all attached exhibits, is hereby accepted as the final decision and order of the Fair Political Practices Commission, effective upon execution below by the Chairman. IT IS SO ORDERED. Dated: Karen A. Getman, Chairman Fair Political Practices Commission